

REMARKS

The applicants appreciate the Examiner's thorough examination of the application and request reexamination and reconsideration of the application in view of the preceding amendments and the following remarks.

The applicants appreciate and thank the Examiner for allowing claims 28-46, 48 and 50.

The Examiner indicates the application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters. The Examiner states "The specification is objected to because at page 15, line 15, the peptide sequence lacks a SEQ ID NO identifier. Furthermore the status of nonprovisional parent application(s) (whether patented or abandoned) has not been included. If a parent application has become a patent, the expression 'now Patent No. ____' should follow the filing date of the parent application. If a parent application has become abandoned, the expression 'now abandoned' should follow the filing date of the parent application."

In response, as shown above under Amendment E, the applicants amended the specification to now include SEQ ID NO:4 for the sequence shown on page 15, line 15. The applicants have also corrected the related section of the application on page 1 to reflect the current status of the related applications.

Accordingly, the Examiner's objection to the specification should now be withdrawn.

Each of the Examiner's rejections has been addressed or traversed. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

If for any reason this Response is found to be incomplete, or if at any time it appears

that a telephone conference with counsel would help advance prosecution, please telephone the undersigned or his associates, collect in Waltham, Massachusetts, at (781) 890-5678.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'RJC', written over a horizontal line.

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